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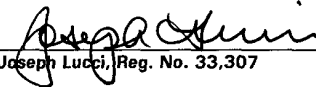
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice:

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 2, please add the following text before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":